

# DEP Growing Greener Grant Grant/Project #SC160149 Jackson Township

#### **Project Description**

An approximately 825 linear feet of the unnamed tributary to Codorus Creek was restored by removing legacy sediment and restoring the floodplain to historic elevations. This included reconnecting the stream channel with the floodplain, creating wetland bench treatment areas, and the establishment of native plant communities focusing on riparian buffer restoration using native trees, shrubs, and grasses. The existing bridges were removed and two new pedestrian boardwalk crossings will be added.

## **Project Goals**

The purpose of this project was to remove legacy sediment and restore the floodplain of an unnamed tributary to Codorus Creek to conditions that resemble as close of an approximation to pre-settlement conditions as is reasonably possible. This would remove a substantial sediment and nutrient source from the Codorus Creek Watershed. It was also anticipated that this project would act as a sediment and nutrient sink to remove and process nutrients supplied by the upstream watershed, providing systemic ecological uplift. Jackson Township intends for this restoration project to provide recreational and educational opportunities for the community.

## **Project Results**

<b>Load Reduction Method</b>	N (lbs)	P (lbs)	Sediment (tons)
Protocol #1	114.9	15.0	31.9
Protocol #2	165.5	0.0	0.0
Protocol #3	48.6	2.3	0.4
Total Annual Removal	329.0	17.3	32.3

<sup>\*</sup>Based on the Recommendations of the Expert Panel to Define Removal Rates for individual Stream restoration Projects (Sept. 2014)

# **Pictures**



Before - Overview of site from PA-116 bridge



After – Downstream from upstream extents at sewer right-of-way



## **'PROJECT SUMMARY**

# **Project Costs**

 Budget request:
 \$190,000.00

 Township Match (15% Min. Req.):
 \$28,500.00

 Total:
 \$218,500.00

Spending included:

Municipally Contracted Work: \$211,915.85
Construction Design Services: \$36,848.09
Total: \$248,763.94

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Grant Amount: -\$190,000.00

Actual Township Match (30.9% of Grant) \$58,763.94

## **Lessons Learned**

The historical floodplain soils at the target design elevation were irregular and rock pinnacles were encountered in the subgrade that had not been identified by the design site investigations. The contractor and designer worked closely together to identify minor adjustments to successfully implement the project as designed.

# **Partners**

- Jackson Township
- C.S. Davidson, Inc.
- LandStudies, Inc.
- Ecotone, Inc.

# **Contact Information**

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